# News release

## Wilma brings flood fears to parts of Mexico

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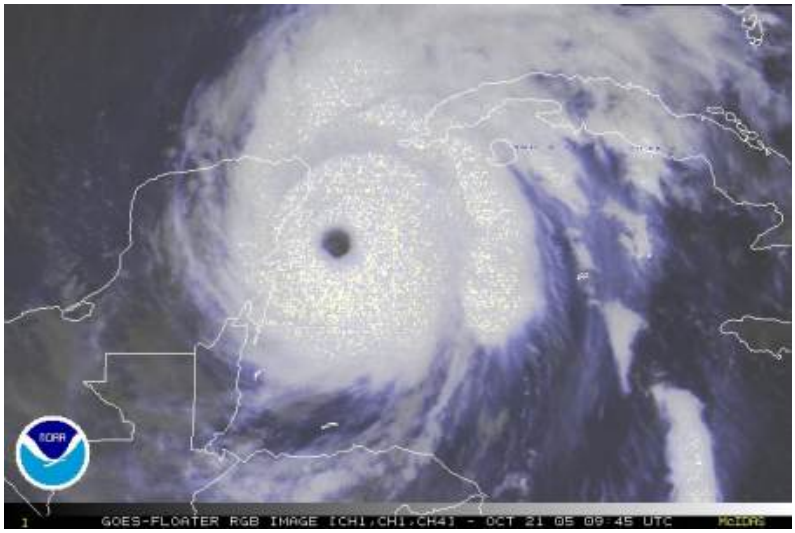
Hurricane Wilma remains an extremely dangerous Category 4 hurricane on the Saffir-Simpson scale. Maximum winds speeds are still reaching speeds of 150 m.p.h. with hurricane force winds extending some 70 miles from the storm centre.



*Satellite image of Hurricane Wilma*

Wilma is forecast to maintain strength over the next 24 hours and become slow moving close to the north eastern tip of the Yucatan peninsula area of Mexico. As much as 20 to 25 inches (500 to 600 mm) of rain could fall in the worst affected areas over the next 48 hours. Storm surges along affected coasts could be as high as four metres above normal tide levels.

Latest bulletins from the National Hurricane Center predict that Wilma will then turn north-eastwards towards southern Florida early next week, where Wilma is expected to weaken, before then crossing into the Atlantic Ocean. At such a popular time for holidays, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office web site gives advice on the situation for tourists or for people who have friends and family in the area.

For the latest satellite imagery from the area and information on the movement of the storm check the Met Office tropical cyclone information page, which includes a link to the National Hurricane Center and major national weather services around the world.

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